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Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

87. A method for expressing a chimeric CD40 ligand in a CD40+ human cell, wherein the chimeric CD40 ligand includes one or more human domains derived from a human CD40 ligand gene and one or more ~~murine~~ mouse domains derived from a mouse CD40 ligand gene, the method comprising introducing a chimeric polynucleotide encoding the chimeric CD40 ligand into the cell.

93. The method of claim 87 wherein the ~~murine~~ mouse domain comprises an extracellular CD40 ligand domain.

94. The method of claim 87 wherein the ~~murine~~ mouse CD40 ligand domain comprises Domain III of the mouse CD 40 ligand.

95. The method of claim 93 wherein the extracellular domain consists of Domain IV.

97. The method of claim 87 wherein the ~~murine~~ mouse CD 40 ligand consists of Domain I of the ~~murine~~ mouse CD40 ligand.

98. The method of claim 87 wherein the ~~murine~~ mouse CD40 ligand consists of Domain II of the ~~murine~~ mouse CD40 ligand.

99. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3.

100. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 20.

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111. The method of claim 87, wherein the human CD40+ cell comprises a neoplastic cell.
113. The method of claim 111, wherein the neoplastic cell comprises a neoplastic B cell.
116. The method of claim 111 wherein the neoplastic cell comprises a neoplastic T cell.
141. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 4.
142. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 5.
143. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 6.
144. The method of claim 87 wherein the chimeric polynucleotide consists of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 7.